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Re: Application of Reiner HEIGL
"VALVE SEAT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A VALVE SEAT"
Our Ref.: 3926.176
Customer Number: 000041288

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- this express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- a German Language International Application with European Search Report
- an English (translation of the) International Application.
- an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments.
- English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and German language IPER.
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- Two (2) sheets of formal drawings.
- Preliminary Amendment.

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Priority is claimed from November 28, 2002 based on German Application No. 102 55 447.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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